

L. E. HARWELL FAMILY

CLAYTON A. HARWELL

Born:

Died: 1857, Giles Co. Tennessee.

Married: Susan B. _____ (Wells??),

Clayton died in Tennessee and Susan brought their 10 children to Laud. Co. probably in early 1857 and moved onto the farm of Thomas W. Wells of Pine Springs.

In the September, 1857 term of Laud. Co. Probate Court, Susan B. Harwell stated that her husband, late of Giles Co., Tenn, died intestate, leaving an estate at the time of his death of the value of about \$3000, consisting of Negro property which was then in Tennessee, (apparently his land had already sold). Her children who were over 14 had chosen her as their guardian, but it was necessary for the court to appoint guardian to protect the interest of the younger children under 14, and Susan asked to be appointed their guardian. Susan was appointed guardian of the three oldest children, Martha Jane, Mary Elizabeth, and Sophia J. Harwell.

On the same day Susan was appointed guardian for the 7 younger children after making a \$4500 bond with neighbors Thomas W. Wells and William W. Stokes signing with her as securities.

A year later on October 19, 1858, Susan apparently had not been able to recover the Harwell estate from Tennessee, so she gave Thomas Wells power of attorney to recover the estate in Tennessee. The older two girls were married by that time, but Thomas Wells became also the guardian of Sophia Harwell. HE resigned shortly after then apparently to go fight in the Civil War.

It is not known at this time if Susan ever did get hers and the children's inheritance from Tenn. She lived on the Wells' farm throughout the war, with neither of her 2 sons taking part in the conflict. They were a little young at the beginning of the war, but were old enough before it was over, especially since Miss. began drafting all men from 14 to 50 toward the end when they were running short on soldiers. The youngest boy, Holly, told his children how the soldiers would come looking for men hidden out in the woods - they would send them to the Confederate Army if they found any.

It is not known when Susan Harwell and her children left Pine Springs. Wells sold his farm and moved away in 1869. Susan's grandson seems to recall that she was buried at Pine Grove Church (Lauderdale or Kemper Co?)

In 1877 the two Harwell boys bought 40 acres from Thomas J. Hamrick (father-in-law of one of their sisters) in Collinsville [Sec. 26, Township 8, Range 14E] and the adjoining 40 acres from James M. Trussell, agent for Mrs. Nancy J. King of Texas. It is assumed that the mother and other children moved there that year.

In 1880 they were having trouble keeping their land; had borrowed \$485 from M.D. and N. J. King. It is not known if they lost their land during the hard times when so many were in trouble. Bud, the oldest son, moved to Perry Co. and Holly, the youngest, bought land near by in "downtown" Collinsville, married and raised a family there.

Susan Harwell may have been living with one of her daughters when she died. Her death date is not known.

Children:

I. MARTHA JANE HARWELL

Born; 1839?, Tennessee?

Died:

Married: Daniel Crane, 1858, Lauderdale Co.

Children:

II. MARY ELIZABETH HARWELL

Born: 1841, Tenn.(?)

Died: 1926, bur. Hamrick Cem., Collinsville.

Married: John B. Hamrick 1858, Lauderdale Co. He was a son of Thomas J. and Sinia (Brown) Hamrick of Collinsville.

Owned land in Sections 35 & 36, Township 8, Range 14E in 1892.

Children:

1. Sarah Elizabeth Hamrick 186_, m Charles Clinton "Charley" Carpenter, 1883.

Children:

A. Ada Lula Carpenter 1883-1883, 11 mo. old.

B. John Rice "Ricy" Carpenter 1885-1963, m. Lillie Anderson

C. Thomas Irvin Carpenter 1886-1925, m. Elizabeth Adeline Anderson

2. Saphronia "Fronie" Hamrick m. _____ Pruitt, no children.

III. ~~Sarah Elizabeth~~ Katherine "Kate" Hamrick 1864-1933, m. Thomas Oggie Clark (1861-1949)

Born: ~~Collinsville~~ Giles Co., Tenn.

A. Marvin Edwin Clark 1893-1898 C. William Clark

B. Elton Clark D. Earline Clark ("Sugie")

4. Nettie Hamrick 1867-1903, m. George W. Weatherford, 1892, son of Wm. G. "Dock" and Rose Ann (Kittrell) Weatherford of Pine Springs. Had 1 child in 1903 when Nettie died. George then m. her sister, Maggie. They moved to Illinois.

5. Ava Hamrick m. Hillard Gibson.

6. Ella Hamrick m. Thomas Gibson.

Children:

A. Ruby Gibson

D. Heber Gibson

B. Kline Gibson

E. Norman Gibson

C. Joe Alton Gibson

F. Melba Gibson

7. Tom Hamrick m. Carrie Clark, sis. of "Sugie" who m. his sister, Kate. Had no children.

8. Maggie (Margaret?) Hamrick, 2nd wife of G.W. Weatherford.

9. Annie Hamrick 1878-1964, m. Robert F. "Bob" Moore, 1906, Laud. Co.

Children:

A. Melville Moore m. Vera Moore

B. Malcolm Moore m. Mary Lucile Jolly

10. Johnnie Hamrick m. James "Jim" Tucker, Had 1 child when Johnnie died. Her sister, Saphronia, raised Johnnie's little girl.

Children:

A. Winnie Mae Tucker

11. Mattie Hamrick m. Rhodes Gibson.

Children:

A. Edward Gibson

B. Taze Gibson

III. SOPHIA J. HARWELL

Born: 1843, Giles Co., Tenn.

Died:

Married: FRANK Deason

FRANK RAN GRIST MILL FOR DINK COLLINS IN COLLINSVILLE

Children:

IV. SARAH A. HARWELL

Born: 1844, Giles Co., Tenn.

Died:

Married:

Children:

V. MARIA H. HARWELL

Born: 1846, Giles Co., Tenn.

Died:

Married:

Children:

VI. WILLIAM A. HARWELL

Born: 1847(?), Giles Co., Tenn.

Died: Perry Co., Miss., South of Hattiesburg.

Married: Tilda Barnes (Matilda?)

Bought land in Sec. 26, T-8, R-14E with his brother in 1877. Appeared to have lost the land and moved to Perry Co. He was afraid of trains so he walked all the way to Perry Co., driving a yoke of oxen.

Children: Unknown.

VII. HARTWELL L. "HOLLY" HARWELL

Born; 1849, Giles Co., Tenn.

Died: Died with 'dropsy' in early 1900's.

Married: Julia A. Pike, 1878, Lauderdale Co. (Mary Malissa Julia Anne Pike)

Had a farm in "downtown" Collinsville, reared his family there.

Children:

VIII. EMMA E. HARWELL

Born: 1851, Giles Co., Tenn.

Died: (Newton Co., Ms.?)

Married: _____ Corn, lived in Newton Co.

Children: Unknown.

IX. SUSAN B. HARWELL

Born: 1852, Giles Co., Tenn.

Died:

Married: _____

Children:

X. ANNA L. HARWELL

Born: 1854, Giles Co., Tenn.

Died:

Married: _____ Barnes

Children:

Sam'l. B. Harwell and
wife, Rebecca,

To

M. B. Murphy

✓
War Deed

Dated 12th Jany., 1856

Filed 18th Feby., 1856

Cons \$ 25

Ack before A. E. Gray, M.B.P.

Rec. D. B. H P 133

Conveys:

S 1/2 of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec. 8, Tp. 5 R 14 east containing
20 acres more or less situated in Lauderdale County

M. B. Murphy

To

J. B. Harwell

✓
War Deed

Dated 12th Feby., 1856

Filed 18th Feby., 1856

Cons \$ 25

Ack before A. E. Gray, M.B.P.

Rec. D. B. H P 135

Conveys:

N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec. 8, Tp. 5, R 14 east
containing 20 acres more or less situated in Lauderdale County

H. G. Murphy witnessed ack.

Harwell
Susan B. Harwell, Guardian
of all the minor heirs of
Clayton A. Harwell, Dec'd.
and Susan B. Harwell

To

Thos. W. Wells

Constitute and appoint

Said Wells my true and lawful attorney to ask for
demand, sue for recover, receive and receipt for in my name
to the proper person all my distributive share of the estate of
said Clayton A Harwell, dec'd.

Also the distributive shares of said estate which is
coming to the above named minor heirs; hereby ratifying and
confirming all the legal acts of my said attorney in the premises

Resumed.
Ack not in stat form

James Brown and
wife, Nancy,

To

Levi T. Smith

Conveys:

E 1/2 of NW 1/4 Sec. 3, Tp. 7, R 16 East situated in
Lauderdale County, Miss

Power of Attorney

Dated 19th Oct., 1858

Filed 19th Oct., 1858

Ack before J. B. Hancock, J.P.

signs unofficially
Rec. D. B. I P 337

✓
War Deed

Dated 30th Nov., 1857

Filed 22nd Oct., 1858

Cons \$200

Ack before Solomon Ethridge,

M. B. P

Rec. D. B. I P 338

Harwell

I-106 MRS SARAH J. SARAH J. MARY H.

Sept 1860 William A., Harwell L., Emma E., Susan V.

AND ANNA L. HARWELL AND A. J. H. AND HAVE IN

MANNER & FORM PRESENTED BY LAW ELECTED AND
CHOSEN THOMAS W. WELLS THEIR legal guardian

AND HE ACCEPTED They were \$500

AFTER payment of this debt, Wells shortly

Resigned as Wells was Bonded for \$500.

He Resigned as guardian a short time

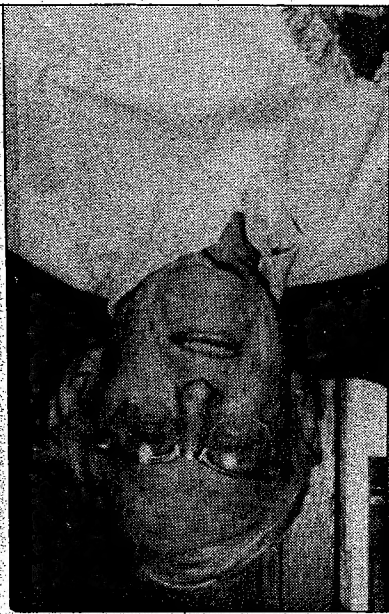
later.

Oct 28

1868

ANNUAL Meet of Thomas W. Wells, Guard. to
MRS Anne of Clayton A. Harwell

TO BE HONORED



Clayton L. Harwell will be honored today with a birthday celebration in his home in Meridian. Mr. Harwell, who will officially turn 108 on Monday, has lived in the East Central Mississippi area all his life. He has four living children, 10 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Mr. Harwell lives with his son and his wife, Conner and Bobbie Harwell.

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Every in Meridian call 693-1551/ outside

See HARWELL

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to be 108

Clayton L. Harwell lived
STAR FILE PHOTO



Clayton L. Harwell, whose lifetime spanned five wars and 21 presidents, died at a local hospital Wednesday. He was 108.

He may have seen a 22nd president to hold office had he reached his birthday this November, his second oldest child, Conner Harwell said Wednesday following his father's passing.

The elder Harwell lived with his son and his family on Bounds Road for a number of years before recently moving into Meridian Convalescent Center.

"I had my father longer than most, and I'm very thankful to God for that," said Conner Harwell. Harwell was the father of nine children.

Born Nov. 1, 1883, Harwell was reared in Collinsville. Before his death and well after reaching 100 years old, Harwell could remember using a slate as a student at Collinsville school.

A carpenter and farmer by trade, Harwell built about 35 houses and a government barn in Hickory during his lifetime. He even constructed the first Collinsville Church of God. His farming work in-

By SHARON WHITE

The Meridian Star

County's oldest resident, Clayton Harwell, 108, dies

Jan 14, 1880
W.A. & H.L. Harwell - born from
M.D. & N.J. King - \$483 as follows
1st note due Jan 1881 etc etc
couldn't pay so gave King
NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 } 26-8-14 8000 D.T.
NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 }
Returned in land to
Pay off note -
JAN 31, 1877 - W.A. & H.L. Harwell
Bought from Mrs. J. Harwell for

Jan Term - 1858

1st Report of Susan B. Howell, Guardian

S. B. Howell, guardian of the minor heirs of
Clayton A. Howell, dec'd., has received nothing
on acct. of her said wards

Dec 21, 1857

Thomas W. Wells,
agent

September Term Probate Record 1837

Susan B Howwell for Letters of Guardianship

To the Hon^{ble} Wm Daniel Judge of the Probate Court of
Sunderland County, in the State of Mississippi;

The petition of Susan B Howwell of said County, shows
that her late husband Clayton Howwell, Sen, late of Giles
County in the State of Tennessee, at the time of his death,
left the following children to wit; Martha J. Howwell,
Mary C Howwell Sophia J Howwell who are now over the
age of fourteen years of age, and Sarah J Howwell, Maria
H Howwell, William A Howwell, W S Howwell, Emma
C Howwell Susan W Howwell and Anna B Howwell, minors
under the age of fourteen years. Your petitioner shows that
her said husband the said Clayton Howwell at the time
of his death left an estate of the value of about three thou-
sand dollars consisting of Negrs property, which is now
in the State of Tennessee. Your petitioner shows that the said
minor heirs are entitled to distribution upon said estate
that the said Clayton Howwell died intestate, and that the
said heirs over the age of fourteen have made claim of your
petitioner as their guardian as by their Petition filed in your
honorable Court will more fully show appear and that as the
said heirs who are under the age of fourteen should be advised
it is necessary for them to have a guardian appointed to protect
their interest in said estate. Your petitioner therefore
prays of your honor to appoint her to the guardianship
of the said minor heirs (being her own children) as well for
those over the age of fourteen years as for those who are under
the age of fourteen years, according to the provisions of
the Statute in such cases, and your petitioner will ever pray
doon to and subscribed
August 15th 1837 J B Howwell (S) Justice of the Peace

Choice & Election of S B Howwell Guard to

The State of Mississippi

Sunderland County. The petition of the undersigned respectfully
shows to the Probate Court of said County, that the said
minor children over fourteen years of age and heirs at law of
Clayton A Howwell, late of Giles County in the State of Tennessee
deceased, who died leaving a small personal estate and having
no person for the guardianship of your petitioners, as they are infor-
med, and having been advised that it is right and proper for
them to select & choose a guardian of their person and estate
they have chosen and elected their mother Susan B Howwell
as such guardian and respectfully pray the honorable Probate
Court of the County aforesaid to grant her letters of guardianship
in the premises in accordance with your petitioners, and

September Term Final record 1837
 As in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

Martha J. Howwell
 Mary E. Howwell
 Sophia J. Howwell

On the 15th day of August 1837 the above named Martha J. Howwell, Mary E. Howwell and Sophia J. Howwell came before the undersigned Justice of the peace of said County and acknowledged that they, on the day of its date, signed the above petition as their act and deed.

My hand And seal J. W. Hancock (Seal)
 Justice of the Peace.

Susan B. Howwell's bond 1837

Know all men, that we Susan B. Howwell, Thomas W. Hall, and William Stokes are held and bound unto the State of Mississippi, in the penalty of forty five hundred Dollars for whose payment, duty to be made, we bind our selves, our heirs, executors and administrators jointly & severally, our hands and seals September 22^d 1837.

The Condition of this Obligation is such that if the above bounden Susan B. Howwell as guardian to Martha J. Howwell, Mary E. Howwell, Sophia J. Howwell, Sarah A. Howwell, Mariah H. Howwell, William A. Howwell, H. S. Howwell, Emma S. Howwell, minor heirs of L. Peyton A. Howwell deceased shall faithfully account - with the probate Court of Lauderdale County, as directed by law for the management of the property and estate of the Orphans under him, ours and shall also deliver up the said property agreeably to the order of said Court - or the directions of Law, and shall in all respects perform the duty of Guardian to the said Martha J., Mary E., Sophia J., Sarah A., Mariah H., William A., H. S., Emma S. Susan V. Anna S. Howwell according to Law, then the above Obligations shall cease, otherwise it shall remain in full force & effect.

This bond & security is
 approved in Open Court
 Sept 22 1837 W. J. Daniel
 Judge

Susan B. Howwell

Thos. W. Mills

W. W. Stokes

(Seal)

(Seal)

(Seal)

Susan B. Howwell's Letters of Guardianship.

The State of Mississippi

Lauderdale County

By the probate Court of said County
 Be it remembered, that at a term of the probate Court of Lauderdale County, held and held at the Court house thereof, on the third 3^d Monday in September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven, Susan B. Howwell having entered into bond with sufficient

[illegible]

Witness, the Hon^{ble} McDermitt Judge of probate of said County, at the Court house thereof, the 3rd Monday of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and 57.

W. V. Ramey Clerk
By J. R. Watts Secy

Last Will & Testament of Polly Spinks Deceased, 1837

The State of Mississippi

Sau der dahi Gurung } In the Name of God Amen. I.

I, Polley Sprink of the State and County aforesaid, being
 of Sound Mind and Memory, and Calling to mind the Mortali-
 -ty of My body, do make and ordain this my last will and
 Testament, in Manner and form following (Viz)

set I will and bequeth that all my predebtts be paid.

32) I, will and bequeath unto my two Sons William W. Sprinkle
and Enock W. Sprinkle All my house hold and Kitchen furniture, all
my stock of Hides, Hooks, Leathes and Waggins and one Six
Hed and all my farming and plantation Tools, also all my
stock of hogs.

And I will and bequeath that all the right property of which I am possessed at my decease, be sold and the proceeds of the same be divided equally amongst the following Legates (Viz) J. M. Spinks, Polly S. Spinks, the heirs of Elnor P. Rawlings Elizabeth J. Edwards William W. Spinks and Enock P. Spinks, and that J. M. Spinks William W. Spinks and Enock P. Spinks act as executors for the heirs of Elnor P. Rawlings and hold three parts of said money in their hands till said heirs respectively become of age.

4th I will and bequeath unto My Daughter Mary Chapman
 Six Dollars to be paid to her by my executors,

⁵ $\frac{1}{2}$ I will And bequeath unto my son William W. Perkins
All my interest in the mill, known as John Perkins Mill;

6th Colo. having published Rating List to raise this month.